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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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FROM: [REDACTED] OTR/IS/OBF

SUBJECT: Report on Vietnam Station
Orientation #9-68 (No. 26)

1. Basic Data

The 26th running of the Vietnam Station Orientation was held in Room G-A-13, 18-20 June 1968. It was the largest class this calendar year; the enrollments for the classes, from the first to the current one, have been [REDACTED]

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2. Change in Schedule

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[REDACTED], Deputy Chief of Benefits and Services Division, was replaced by Mr. William O.

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[REDACTED], Chief, Insurance Branch.

3. Highlight

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The class of [REDACTED] was almost exactly doubled in size when our only outside speaker, Mr. Douglas Pike, author of The Viet Cong, made his presentation. This is surely the most informed, published description of the VC, and the book's fame drew as many persons as the room could hold; with more space, I would have extended a wider invitation. Mr. Pike is now being sent by his parent organization, USIA, on a world lecture tour. A major point in this talk, one which many of our people seriously question, is his belief that "Giap is in trouble, maybe deep trouble."

4. Critiques

I experimented with a new question in the critique:

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"As a result of this Orientation, what is your impression of the Vietnam Station?" A recurring answer was, in effect: good organization, a good job in a confused situation.

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Course Chairman

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Chief, Intelligence School

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